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Hello, all!



A cloudy October day at the South Park Marina

Thank you for your continued interest and engagement with the Lower Duwamish Waterway (LDW) Superfund Site (as well as the Harbor Island Superfund Site). Here are some updates from recent work, and there are some upcoming events that you may want to note on your calendar.

If you have any questions please contact Julie Congdon, Community Involvement Coordinator (congdon.julie@epa.gov, 206.533.2752).

Sampling reports coming soon

Data reports are coming in from the baseline sampling conducted over the past 2 years and from the Carbon Amendment Pilot Study. The sampling is used to assess baseline conditions, for comparison as cleanup goes forward. The study is testing how adding activated carbon to the sand used for sediment cleanup can lower contamination levels in fish and crabs faster. These reports will be available on www.ldwg.org (look under "[Resource Library](#)") when they are finalized. In early 2019, a draft data evaluation report will summarize and discuss the combined results.

Upper Reach Design begins

The Lower Duwamish Waterway Group, as set forth in the [Administrative Order on Consent 4 \(A0C4\)](#), is initiating the design of the upper two miles of the river, also known as the Upper Reach). The Upper Reach design is likely to take 4 years or more. If you would like to assist in developing recommendations for the design and implementation of the sediment cleanup, we encourage you to consider participating in the **Duwamish Roundtable**. The Roundtable will engage with EPA at key points in the design, starting with the Upper Reach (the southern two miles) of the cleanup. For more information about the Roundtable and to find out how you can participate, please visit <https://www.duwamishwaterwayroundtable.org/> where you can see Roundtable meeting materials, background information, training resources, and contact information for the Roundtable.

And about the Harbor Island Superfund Site, adjacent to the LDW...

- Lockheed West Seattle Site: cleanup (aka remedial action) at this site is under way. It is one of the cleanup areas of the Harbor Island Superfund Site. About 47 acres of contamination will be removed through dredging. The contaminated sediments / mud are being transferred at Slip 4 in the LDW for disposal in eastern WA. Transloading facilities on the Lower Duwamish Waterway will be used to send the material for final disposal to Rubanco and/or Columbia landfills. Work is expected to be completed by mid-February 2019.
- East Waterway Site: This is another part of Harbor Island to be cleaned up. The Remedial Investigation (RI) and Feasibility Study (FS) are being finalized. A proposed plan for cleanup is expected sometime in mid-2019.

Upcoming Events – *save the dates!*

- **Christmas Ships on the Duwamish – this Saturday!, Dec. 8, 2-4:45pm**

The flotilla of festiveness comes to the Duwamish River this Saturday. Come to the Duwamish Waterway Park at 2pm on Saturday, December 8th to mingle and enjoy some hot cocoa from DRCC/TAG by the fire that Seattle Parks and Rec will have ready to keep you warm as the boats float by. The Rainier Youth Choirs will be singing at the Duwamish Waterway Park around 3pm. Please dress warm, and you're encouraged to wear holiday sweaters and Santa Hats.

Here is the [route](#).

- **Duwamish Roundtable Meeting – Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2019, 3:30-5:30pm** at Youngstown Cultural Arts Center Theater Room ([4408 Delridge Way SW, Seattle, WA 98106](#)). At this meeting, EPA will provide technical updates on the LDW cleanup, solicit members for the Roundtable Steering Committee, and approve the Roundtable Operating Procedures

For other announcements and updates, please visit **EPA's Duwamish Facebook** page at

<https://www.facebook.com/epaduamish/>

For information on **Washington Department of Ecology's work** in the Lower Duwamish Waterway, please visit

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Contamination-cleanup/Cleanup-sites/Toxic-cleanup-sites/Lower-Duwamish-Waterway>.

You can also subscribe to its email listserv for periodic updates on their source control and cleanup work in the Duwamish: <http://listserv.ecology.wa.gov/scripts/wa-ECOLOGY.exe?A0=DUWAMISH-RIVER-UPDATES>

For information on the **Community Advisory Group**, please contact the **Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition/Technical Advisory Group** (DRCC/TAG) at: duwamishcleanup.org

e-mail to: contact@duwamishcleanup.org, or phone: 206-954-0218.

Spill in the waterway?

If you see signs of a spill in the waterway, please report it by calling 1-800-OILS-911 (Department of Emergency Management 24/7). This helps the appropriate responders assess the situation and respond before it spreads.

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Spills/Spill-preparedness-response>

Know your responsibilities if you cause a spill.

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Reporting-requirements/Spills-If-you-spill>

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